

REMARKS

Applicant has considered all points made by the examining attorney in the Office Action and has responded to same in order to ensure compliance with the applicable rules.

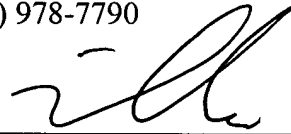
The examining attorney has determined that claims 3, 4, 7, 8, 13, 14, and 16 are allowable over the prior art of record. The applicant thanks the examining attorney for the allowed claims. Applicant has canceled rejected claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9-11, and 17-24.

It is submitted that the proposed amendments comply with 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 and should therefore be entered, and with their entry that the application is now in condition for allowance. Such action therefore is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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